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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Exception to Policy for OCONUS Soldiers Advance Returning their Dependents due to Involuntary Extension by Combatant Commander

1. The Army is allowing families to move back to the United States in advance of deployed Soldiers when the combatant commander, due to mission requirements in the area of operations, delays the Soldiers' rotation dates. MILPER Message #04-149, dated 23 April 2004, Supplemental Stop Loss/Stop Movement Procedures for Active Army Soldiers, paragraph 4C, Special Information for OCONUS Commands states, "Advance return of family members to the gaining assignment location will be limited to personnel that were scheduled for a summer rotation date commencing May through September 2004 and delayed by the Combatant Commander due to mission requirements in the area of operations. All other unit situations are considered in stop movement and movement of families is not authorized."
2. Since a Soldier involuntarily extended in Iraq is unable to accompany his dependents to the new permanent duty station location, the circumstances of the assignment require the Soldier's dependents to reside in a different area than the Soldier's current permanent duty station location. Soldiers scheduled for a summer rotation date commencing May through September 2004 and delayed by the Combatant Commander due to mission requirements in the area of operations qualify to receive BAH at the rate applicable to the new permanent duty station location upon the family's arrival to the new duty station location.
3. Soldiers must meet the criteria outlined above to qualify for this exception to policy. The authority to approve this exception to policy expires 30 September 2004.
4. Point of contact for this memorandum is MAJ Rick L. Tillotson, DSN 222-6819.

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